

## Introduction

In accordance with, and under and pursuant to the terms of the Agreement between the United States and the Kingdom of Cambodia ("KOC") Concerning the Program of the Peace Corps in Cambodia, dated October 3, 1994 (the "Country Agreement"), the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (the "Ministry") and the United States Peace Corps (the "Peace Corps") have entered into this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") to promote and strengthen the KOC's efforts in teaching English as a second language.

# Memorandum of Understanding between

the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport

of the Kingdom of Cambodia

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2. To help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.
3. To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

and

the United States Peace Corps

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1.4 Peace Corps and the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport will have annual their collaboration.

### Background Information:

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps to promote world peace and friendship. The Peace Corps was created to promote world peace and friendship. Peace Corps' three goals are:

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## Article I

- 1.1 The general scope of this agreement is for the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport and Peace Corps/Cambodia, consistent with their respective authority, policies, programming, and priorities, to cooperate in education and rural community development.
- 1.2 Peace Corps' implementation will be discussed and carried out in cooperation with the appropriate [Provincial] Directorates.
- 1.3 Peace Corps/Cambodia will continue to collaborate with the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport as needed.
- 1.4 Peace Corps and the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport will have annual discussions regarding their collaboration.
- 1.5 Copies of this MOU are held by the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport and Peace Corps/Cambodia and form the basic guide for cooperation and work.



## Article II

Peace Corps/Cambodia agrees to undertake, consistent with its authority, policies, programming, and priorities, the following:

2.1 To respect the policy of the Ministry and to respect Cambodian traditions and culture;

2.2 To work toward meeting the following objectives:

- a. Provide teachers to educational institutions. Initial Peace Corps Volunteer input will be for teachers of English at higher secondary schools;
- b. Provide instructors for Teacher Training. Initial Volunteer input will work with co-teachers at higher secondary schools and at regional teacher-training colleges to promote student centered techniques;
- c. Assist local communities with a variety of life-skills training; and
- d. Cooperate with on-going NGO activities in local communities.

2.3 To work closely with Ministry of Education Youth and Sport counterparts to maximize the transfer of skills and to strengthen Cambodian technical expertise and capacity.

2.4 To attend meetings called by the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport to coordinate the ongoing activities of Peace Corps Volunteers.

2.5 To provide the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport, at its request, with standard Peace Corps reports that are available on an annual basis.



### Article III

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport agrees to undertake, consistent with its authority, policies, programming, and priorities, the following:

- 3.1 Where appropriate to designate suitable points of contact (at Ministry, Province and/or District levels) to work with Peace Corps/Cambodia staff and Volunteers to provide support in an effective and timely manner.
- 3.2 To facilitate, where appropriate and necessary for Peace Corps/Cambodia's implementation, the granting of visas of approved personnel, Volunteers and consultants affiliated with activities undertaken within the terms of this MOU.
- 3.3 To facilitate, where appropriate, exemption from custom importation duties and fees for imported items used in support and implementation of Peace Corps/Cambodia activities consistent with the Country Agreement.
- 3.4 To facilitate, where necessary, the transfer of Peace Corps/Cambodia materials, supplies and equipment from the port of entry to Phnom Penh and onwards to provinces or districts as appropriate.
- 3.5 To promote efficiency and transparency at all levels of the Ministry, provinces and districts to ensure that Peace Corps/Cambodia receives timely information on any matter which could affect Volunteers?
- 3.6 To promote open communication and support between Peace Corps/Cambodia and the appropriate provincial and district officials.
- 3.7 To facilitate and provide, where necessary, any and all other support to Peace Corps/Cambodia in its implementation of this MOU.



## Article IV

- 4.1 The Director of Peace Corps/Cambodia, or an officially designated representative, is authorized by the Peace Corps to act on its behalf with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport.
- 4.2 The MOU may be amended or extended in writing signed by both parties. Either party may terminate the MOU with three months prior notice in writing to the other party, and upon such notice, the parties will cooperate to terminate the activities carried out under the MOU promptly in an orderly and cost-effective manner. The collaboration between the parties set out in the MOU is not exclusive. Each party reserves the right to enter into similar arrangements with other parties at its sole discretion.
- 4.3 Any notice or communication to be given or sent by any of the parties pursuant to this MOU shall be directed in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given, and sent to the party to which it is addressed at the time of its delivery by email, mail, telex, or fax at its respective address.
- 4.4 Peace Corps/Cambodia and the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport will endeavor to consult with each other in respect of any matter that may from time to time arise in connection with this MOU.
- 4.5 Peace Corps/Cambodia and the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport may modify or add to this Instrument by mutual consent, provided that modifications, amendments or addenda must be in writing and in accordance with the original MOU.
- 4.6 Commitment of resources by each party for each agreed upon collaborative effort must be clearly documented in duly executed Implementing Instruments to this MOU. Proposals for specific collaborations will be subject to the internal review processes of each party. Implementing Instruments must be executed prior to transferring resources from one party to another for goods or services. Personnel agreements (reimbursable or non-reimbursable), involving exchanges of staff, must be executed prior to such exchange. If funds are to be provided to non-federal entities, the appropriate grant instrument, cooperative agreement or contract must be used.



4.7 This Agreement shall take effect from the date of signing, and shall remain in effect until terminated by the parties as set forth in 4. 2.

This agreement is presented unaltered, in 2 originals, Khmer and English, all texts being equally authentic and of equal value.

Signed this 25 day of December, 2006, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

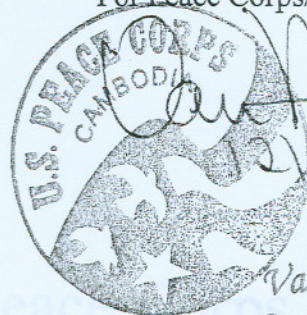
Signatories:

For the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport



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For Peace Corps/Cambodia



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Peace Corps / Cambodia